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Serial No. 09/698,491

Filed: October 27, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2166

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
COMPLETING A RENTAL
AGREEMENT ONLINE

Attorney Docket No. 285277-00015

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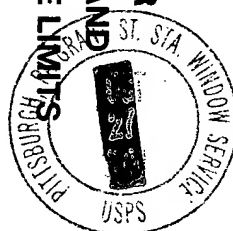
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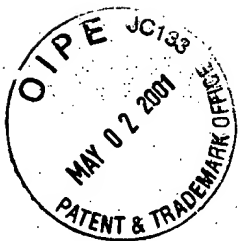
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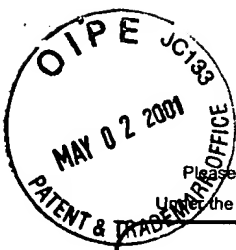
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